

## Y. M. C. A. WORK.

Services in Observance of the Anniversary Held Last Night

IN TWO OF THE LOCAL CHURCHES

A Detailed Report of the Last Year's Services at the Y. M. C. A. and of Their Results—Sermons by Rev. Mr. Schwarm and Rev. Mr. Little—The Great Good Done by the Association in this Country.

The eleventh anniversary of the Young Men's Christian Association was commemorated in a number of the churches one week ago yesterday, and last evening appropriate services were held at United Presbyterian and English Lutheran churches.

The general secretary's annual report, read in the churches and published in last Monday's Intelligencer, did not give itemized statistics. Below will be found a table of facts and figures, although very much of the work accomplished by the Association cannot be tabulated:

Men's Sunday afternoon meetings..... 52  
Young men's Saturday evening meetings..... 52  
Special young men's meetings..... 10  
Young men's Bible study..... 30

Total religious meetings..... 141  
Aggregate attendance..... 5,949  
Young men professed conversion..... 1  
Anniversary service..... 1  
Services conducted in churches..... 5  
Boys' meetings..... 12  
Receptions..... 8  
Young men's socials..... 15  
Attendance at receptions and socials..... 1,730  
Entertainments..... 4  
Addresses and talks..... 4  
Attendance at lectures and talks..... 2,445  
Educational class sessions..... 37  
Gymnasium classes..... 367  
Attendance..... 4,946  
Outings..... 52  
Baths taken..... 5,720  
Directors' and committee meetings..... 98  
Directed to boarding places..... 37  
Assisted to employment..... 11  
Building open week days 8 a. m. to 10 p. m..... 313  
Building open part of Sunday..... 39  
Attendance (estimated)..... 50,000  
Membership..... 411  
Current expenses..... \$1,023.24

Rev. Dr. Schwarm, pastor of the English Lutheran church, preached an anniversary sermon, which was in part as is given below:

"Run, speak to this young man."—Zach. 2: 4.

"I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one."—1 John, 2: 14.

The great importance of the young man in the kingdom of God is shown, first, by the fact that God has chosen upon young men, as shown in his Word; and, second, by the special efforts the Christian church has made, and is making, to save the young men and interest them in the work of the kingdom.

God fully showed his sense of the importance of winning the young man to his cause when he commanded the angel to run and speak to Zachariah and tell him that Jerusalem should again be inhabited as a city without walls, on account of the number of inhabitants and cattle that should be therein. He wished to win the young man, Zachariah, to make him a prophet unto his people to encourage them and to lead them forward in hope. God could have commissioned the angel to tell the people of Israel that Jerusalem would again be inhabited, but he preferred to make use of this young man, both for his sake and for the sake of his kingdom.

So God has all along through the history of his kingdom on earth made much use of young men. Abraham was, comparatively, a young man when God chose him to make him a blessing to all the nations of earth. Joseph was but a young man when God made him the virtual ruler of the throne of the Pharaohs, and made him the Saviour of his father's house as well as of Egypt. Elisha was quite a young man, the youngest son of his father, who still lived, when God sent him forth with his 300 men with trumpets and pitchers to conquer the Midianites, who were like grasshoppers for multitudes. And Samuel was but a child when God called him into his service, and David a shepherd lad, Solomon was but a very young man when God appointed him to rule, and said, "Ask what thou wilt."

And what a beautiful example of young men in the service of God is given us in Daniel and his companions.

And what is true in regard to young men in the Old Testament dispensation is also true in the New. Our blessed Saviour himself was still a young man when he died on the cross, and he had as his forerunner a young man, and he chose for his intimate disciples also young men. Paul was still a young man when he went down to Damascus. And Timothy was but a youth when he entered the work of the ministry, for Paul wrote him, "Let no man despise thy youth."

And the same is true in the church of Christ in later ages. Luther, Melancthon, Zuingli, were all young men when God called them to their special work in his kingdom. God seldom calls an old man into the ministry, or a man who has grown old before he has become his servant in the work of his kingdom. Why? John gives us the secret. He says, "I write to you, young men, because ye are strong," etc. God delights in young men who are strong to serve him.

And that the church of Jesus Christ has realized the great importance of saving the young men is shown by the many organizations that have existed, and are existing, for their spiritual welfare. These special organizations, for the mutual benefit and for the more or less religious activity of young men, have existed in the Christian church in almost every age is very probable. There is historical record of such societies in Great Britain and Ireland as early as Charles I. They maintained a continued existence for a hundred years, through the revolutions under Cromwell and King William, attaining their highest prosperity in the reign of the latter. These societies, whose object was the promotion of personal piety among their members, gave rise in 1651 to the "Societies for the Reformation of Manners," which had for their aim the suppression of vice through legal means. These societies flourished for about forty years, when they became extinct.

In the present century, however, between 1823 and 1833, David Nasmyth organized about seventy young men's societies in the United Kingdom, France and America. And in Germany in the beginning of this century similar societies were found closely connected with the state churches and their pastors. But while these societies for young men, having a distinctively Christian purpose and activity, still they did not measure up to the present organization known as the Y. M. C. A., in which many of them have found a congenial home. They did not band themselves together into distinct, national and international associations as the Y. M. C. A. has done; each society stood alone. They did not develop a special class of trained workers to give their entire time to this special work; nor did they acquire property for their special use, thus laying a permanent foundation for their work. They sought to broadly promote the intellectual, physical and social sides of the young man's nature along with the spiritual. The present Y. M. C. A. is a growth. It is true it traces its origin back to a society organized in London by George Williams on June 6, 1825, but equally true that Mr. Williams at that time had no thoughts of the organization that has gradually grown out of that single society for spiritual improvement among a few clerks in a mercantile establishment. The Y. M.

C. A. has gradually expanded, adding one feature after another until it meets almost all the wants of young men, intellectually, physically and socially, as well as spiritually. It is true that the spiritual welfare of young men is still its object, but it undertakes to reach this end in various ways. If it cannot reach the young man by its religious meetings it may reach him by its gymnasium, bath, socials, etc. And if it cannot win him to Christ at once, it may at least keep him out of the hands of the devil. It is after the young man, and for this purpose it builds buildings and equips them for him.

It has two classes of members, active and associate. The active members alone can vote and hold office, and they must be members of Evangelical churches. The associate members must be of good moral character; they have all the privileges of the active members, with the exceptions mentioned. The Y. M. C. A. is not, therefore, exclusive, but inclusive of young men, and offers to help him to lead a decent life and to become a child of the King.

Its growth of late years has been remarkable, but not larger than it deserves. It now has in America 1,400 local societies, with 250,000 members, more than 1,300 secretaries, and property valued at \$15,000,000. It is found in fifty states and provinces.

In late years it has added special departments for work among special classes. Its railroad department has been very successful and beneficial. There are now 103 associates in railroad centers for railroad men, and at least one railroad president has pronounced it of more value to the safety of the travelling public than all the patent appliances that have been devised for that purpose.

But perhaps its special work, that will be the most productive for good in the future, is its college work. There are now associations in 475 educational institutions in America, with a membership of 30,000 students. Though this department is quite new yet it is estimated that 30,000 students have already been converted through its influence and 3,000 have pledged themselves to the foreign missionary work and 600 of these have already been sent out.

There are many other things that might be said about the general work of the Y. M. C. A., but I must forbear in order to say a few things about its local work. I am heartily glad that Wheeling has a Y. M. C. A., and that it is so prepared for its beneficent work. It has a property worth \$20,000, which is reasonably well equipped. It has a parlor, lecture hall, reading room, gymnasium, bath, special classes, etc., in short everything found in similar institutions in larger cities. It has an able and gentlemanly secretary, who has obliging and competent assistants. Its doors are open every day in the year. It is well fitted for its object, namely, helping young men to a higher and better life. If, of course, needs money. No beneficent institution can be run without. But it needs young men more than money, young men who are willing to pay a small fee for its advantages and then use them. There must be in Wheeling many young men who have no homes, who spend their evenings somewhere, perhaps, in saloons. They could spend them very profitably in the Y. M. C. A. building, in the reading room, in the special classes, in the lecture or prayer hall, or in interesting and harmless games. How much better that would be than in the saloon or dance hall with dissolute men and women. Can you not interest some such young men in the Y. M. C. A.? You may save a young man by doing it.

## AT THE Y. P. CHURCH.

An Eloquent and Timely Sermon by Rev. Mr. Little.

In the United Presbyterian church, Rev. J. H. Little preached to young men. The association report was presented by W. J. W. Cowden, esq. Rev. Mr. Little took for his subject, "Show thyself a man." He referred to the lives of David and of Jesus Christ and said in those two great historical, as well as biblical, characters, we clearly presented the prime elements of true manliness. A true man is a man God makes over again when he creates him anew in Christ Jesus—a Christian man. He said a young man should keep his business integrity, show himself a man of will and courage, a man in intellect, heart and feeling, a man of high principle. If a young man asks, "How shall we act that we may always appear as a man?" I reply, look how Jesus did, and pray that God's spirit may come upon you that you may be like him. Keep the life of Jesus ever in your memory, and seek to follow him fully. Foster within you a real and determined love for truth and right, a tender, but brave heart. Enlarge your admiration for the grand and noble, and hate with perfect hatred the mean, the vile and the servile. Seek that entire independence of men, that comes of entire dependence on God, and pray God to turn your heart into love of this precept, and to keep you continually walking in the Spirit.

## THAT EUREKA "GUSHER"

Looks to be No Good at All Now—The New Tyler Field.

It looks now as though the well on the Ruckman farm at Eureka is a hopeless duster, says "D. S. W." the Standard's news man. Thursday afternoon it was drilled on what was thought to be the shell above the Berea grit, but when the drill went through it, it dropped into a slate formation and had not found anything that resembled a sand formation up to tonight. One of the owners, who had been watching the well, came up to Pittsburgh and said he had left it in disgust and did not think it was any good. The well has now been drilled below the level at which the Braden & Company well, on the Hammett farm, got its oil, and from top to bottom nothing that in any way looked like an oil bearing sand has been encountered. It is claimed that the oil it got on Sunday was found in the shell and not in a stray sand which was found where the Berea gusher has been. The well is located about 1,200 feet from the Hammett farm gusher and the fact that it is a duster makes the outlook for some other ventures look anything but rosy at this time.

There is no longer any doubt as to the value of the Devonian Oil Company's strike in the Bullman farm, located one mile southwest of Wlot, Tyler county. At 60 feet in the sand the well began to spray at the rate of about 30 barrels a day. It was at once shut down to await the erection of tankage. It was flowing at the rate of 12 barrels an hour on Saturday. The nearest well to the Bullman is the Kanawha Oil Company's test well on the Anthon Smith farm, located a half mile to the north. The Smith well is a small producer and is probably on the edge of a new pool, of which the Bullman is a forerunner.

The interest aroused by the discovery made by the same company's strike on the Kyle farm, on Indian creek, did not surpass the new find. The two wells will stimulate operations in their respective localities, but the territory is now, and has been, under lease for some time.

## LIVELY IN RITCHIE.

Operators Are Turning with Favor to the Cairo Oil Field.

Indications favor a renewal of operations in the vicinity of Ellenboro, Ritchie county. There have been no new strikes reported, but leasing is quite active.

Bettman & Watson have drilled their well the Shilington lot in Ritchie county, though the "Big Injun" and found that formation barren. They will now make a test of the Berea grit, and if nothing is found at that level it will be abandoned.

The Rock Oil Company, which recently made a good strike near Raven's

Rock, has now commenced drilling on Colonel J. M. McKinney's farm on Black's run.

The South Penn Oil Company has leased the Clark Sutherland property, south of the well on the Stuckler farm, on Whiskey run.

In the Cairo field, interest is now centered in the well drilling on the J. W. Marshall farm, near Devil Hole, by Barnsdall & Company. The well has been drilled for some time, but is now reported drilling in the sand and showing some oil. It will probably make a small producer.

The race between Gracey & Wilson and the Cairo Oil Company, who are fighting because the former are building rigs on the C. & K. V. railroad right of way, continues, and it is a question as to which one of the contending parties will get the first oil.

Fred S. Rich's well, located south of Cairo, is expected to get the sand in a few days and is thought to be inside of producing lines.

Bradford operators are taking leases near Cairo and paying what are considered fair bonus for some of the stuff.

Landowners are looking up territory along the southern edge of Ritchie county and it is thought there will be some testing commenced in that locality early in the spring.

## COLERAIN FIELD NOTES.

Renewed Activity in that Region These Times—New Wells.

The Sharkey well is the best producer in the Colerain field. It is doing forty barrels daily. The Lupton twenty-seven, the Clark twenty and the Starbuck eleven. The Ohio Oil Company has commenced work on the Clark farm.

Lumber is being hauled for the derrick to be put up on the Joel Walker farm by Mr. Walker and Wheeling parties. Three thousand feet of lumber was drawn up the hill by six horses for this well.

Dr. E. H. Hawthorne and Mrs. Bunday will put down a well in the rear of the hotel opposite the Wayside Inn and adjoining the Sidwell lot on which I. H. Newland & Company, of Martin's Ferry, have put up a rig. There is just enough room in the rear of the Hawthorne and Bunday lots for a rig. This will make the two wells almost up against each other and an interesting contest is expected. The Starbuck well is on the adjoining property, only a short distance to the east.

A derrick has been built on the Ellisha Steer farm near the pike.

A rig is going up on the Lindley Hall farm between Colerain and Jobstown.

The Parker well near Martin's Ferry, the Jacob Mauls well at Colerain, the May & Short Creek, the Main Hill on Short Creek and the Cope, at Smithfield, are all about ready to come in.

Water is now plentiful in the Colerain field and operations can be continued without further interruption.

The Martin's Ferry, Bridgeport and Pittsburgh parties who have a 1,500 acre tract at Colerain will pay the rentals in order to hold the leases.

## Possibly a New Field.

Colonel Isaac Davis, of Findlay, and G. Ashleigh Whitney, of Toledo, have leased 10,000 acres in Scioto and Adams counties, Ohio, on the Ohio river, and will put down five test wells for oil. Surrounding Rushton are several springs where oil is seeping out. There are three formations there, each of which shows oil. They are the Clinton limestone, Berea grit, and the productive Trenton rock. The oil resembles the heavy crude found at Glasgow, Ky. Work will start toward testing the sands in the Scioto valley early in the spring.

## In the Big Flint Country.

In the Big Flint region, Dedridge county, Murphy, Jennings & Co.'s No. 20 Hardman, is in the sand and showing for a fair well. No. 22 on the same farm has been drilled in and produced 50 barrels the first eighteen hours after it struck the first pay.

The Paava Oil Company's No. 2 Jesse White, is 70 feet in the "Big Injun," and showing some oil.

The South Penn Oil Company's No. 3 N. P. Petty, in the Shuman district, Monongalia county, has been completed and is good for 20 barrels a day.

## A Dry Hole.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. STEUBENVILLE, Jan. 19.—Forsythe & Company's well, on the Cope farm, in Smithfield township, Jefferson county, was drilled in yesterday and is a duster.

WOMEN are not the only ones who are sensitive about their ages. A man doesn't like to be told that he is getting old. A man doesn't like to get old at all. But worse than getting old, is the appearance of age. Health keeps a young man, him feel half as old and twice as strong. difference if he has lived eighty years. If they have been healthy years.

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Captain Fred Cline, of the Lexington, was at Powhatan on a business trip Saturday.

Captain John Booth and Ed Cline are holding down the Liberty's wheel. Captain Mike Davis is not with the boat now.

It was thought the Jewel would be up to-day to go out for Clarington, but last night nothing had been heard from Captain Thomas.

The Sistersville wharfboat is high and dry, twenty feet from the water's edge. She is lying on a smooth bed, however, and will not be injured by her enforced stay out of the river.

The towboat Spring Hill arrived at Chattanooga from the Kanawha river a few days ago. She was a week going from Paducah to Chattanooga. She had a tow of five barges, one from the Kanawha, the others from points on the Tennessee river. The owners of the boat have a contract with Roberts & Sparks, owners of the Eureka mine, at Kingston, to tow 100,000 tons of iron ore from Kingston to South Pittsburgh. The boat can make the round trip in four days, and can tow 1,000 tons of ore a week, at which rate it will require two years to fill the contract.

The marks at 6 p. m. showed 4 feet flat and stationary. The fall during the last thirty-six hours has been just one inch. Weather, calm and warmer.

The only departure Saturday was the Liberty for Parkersburg at noon. His Majesty, John K., the "ice king," was on the roof. He had a very good trip in freight, most of it being for merchants on the Ohio side of the river between Powhatan and Marietta, who, dependent on the boats, particularly as the ice in the river prevented the ferrying of goods. The shore ice was found to be quite difficult to handle in several places, in some instances extending 200 feet from the shore. The channel was of good width. Another night's freeze would have resulted in a closed river there. The only place where the stream closed was at Long Bottom, below Parkersburg, which, of course, did not interfere with the Liberty. The Liberty will be back to-night and will leave to-morrow morning at the usual hour.

Pittsburgh—River 2.8 feet and stationary. Weather cool and raining. Steubenville—River 40 inches and falling. Cloudy and cold.

Morgantown—River frozen and melting ice going fast.

Greensboro—River 7 feet and stationary. Rainfall .20. Light rain; slightly cooler.

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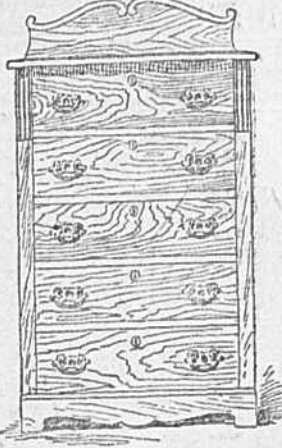
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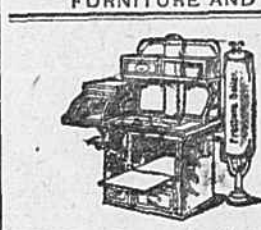
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